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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FORMER LOCAL GMP PRESIDENT PLEADS  
GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that THOMAS POGUE, 40, Shelbyville, Indiana, was sentenced to two years probation today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to embezzlement of labor union funds by an officer. This case was the result of a several month investigation by the United States Department of Labor.

Thomas Pogue was elected to be the President of the Glass Molders Plastics Local 32 labor union in 1996. This union represents the hourly employees of Knauf Fiberglass in Shelbyville, Indiana. Between October 1999 and October 2002, when Pogue lost his bid for reelection, Pogue embezzled approximately \$10,000 of labor union funds in several ways. Pogue charged numerous personal charges on the labor union credit card he had obtained and

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the bills were paid with union funds. Examples of these charges included grocery items, meals at restaurants, cable television, jewelry, cash advances, and department store charges. Pogue also compensated himself for lost time when he did not in fact conduct union business, and on other occasions was double compensated by the international and the local union when he did conduct union business. This case began when a related defendant, Danny Fuller, former financial secretary of the same union, admitted his embezzlement in a letter that he sent to the GMP International in 2002 when he also lost his bid in the election. Pogue has cooperated in the investigation and has already repaid the union \$10,153.27. Fuller plead guilty and was sentenced on January 7, 2004, in federal court.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker imposed 2 years probation, ordered no restitution since the full amount had already been repaid, and ordered Pogue to do 100 hours of community service. Pogue was not fined.

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